



**20<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF COLORADO**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 05-106**

**SUBJECT: Required Seminar in Actions Involving Children**

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**To: Twentieth Judicial District Judicial Officers, Staff and Attorneys**

**From: Roxanne Bailin  
Chief Judge**

**DATE: May 12, 2009**

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This order replaces Administrative Order 95-202 and versions of Administrative Order 05-106 dated December 7, 2005 and February 27, 2009.

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The Twentieth Judicial District has determined that it is in the best interests of children that parents be informed about the effects of conflict on children by attending a parent education seminar concerning co-parenting after separation. Therefore, all parties involved in actions regarding parental responsibility of children are required to attend an approved seminar concerning proper parenting of children before the Court will issue final orders relating to parental responsibility and parenting time. The course provider will file the required proof of completion of an approved seminar with the Court.

Approved seminars must be at least 3 hours in length, may not cost more than \$50.00 per person through June 30, 2009 and \$75.00 per person after July 1, 2009 and the seminar must also be offered at a reduced rate. The content of approved seminars must include the effects of separation and/or divorce on children, appropriate parenting after separation, and instruction on appropriate decision-making relationships between separating or divorcing parents. Course providers will be required to develop a mechanism to ensure that parties with protection orders or no contact orders can attend separate sessions. Providers will tell parties at the sessions that any protection order or no contact order in effect must be followed and that nothing in the seminar is intended to affect such orders. Providers are required to include in the education program appropriate information for those who have been involved in relationships in which there has been domestic violence. In order for a seminar to be approved, a licensed clinical social worker, psychologist, licensed marriage and family therapist or licensed professional counselor must participate in the instruction. A list of currently approved seminars is available on the Web at:

[http://www.courts.state.co.us/Courts/District/Local\\_Resources.cfm/District\\_ID/20](http://www.courts.state.co.us/Courts/District/Local_Resources.cfm/District_ID/20)

*Roxanne Bailin*

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Hon. Roxanne Bailin, Chief Judge  
Twentieth Judicial District